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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/881,662 ✓

Group Art Unit: 2861

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For: LIQUID CHARGING METHOD, LIQUID CONTAINER, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 20 with the following paragraph:

To charge the ink cartridge 180 with ink, the air inlet 185 is closed first and an air suction tube 28 connected to the vacuum pump 16 is connected to the ink feed port 187 of the ink cartridge 180. A hollow needle is installed at the end of the air suction tube 28 and pierced into the ink feed port 187, thus the air suction tube 28 may be connected to the ink cartridge 180.

Please replace the paragraph that runs from page 22, line 32 to page 23, line 7 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 8 shows the procedure of ink charging using the ink charging device 22 shown in

Fig. 6. Firstly, the air inlet 185 is closed (S26) and the air suction tube 28 connected to the